



April 14 Update

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Re: Plans for Week of April 19th and 26th

Dear DCS Students, Parents, and Staff,

Thank you for your continued flexibility this year and commitment to our community. I'm writing today to update you on several items, including the plans for school schedules for the next couple of weeks.

As a district, we've been closely monitoring our internal data while working with the health department to help us provide the safest learning environment for students. The data is updated throughout the week on the [district dashboard](#) and in our [district weekly data review](#).

The plan for the next two weeks:

- **Jenkins/Bates/Anchor/Beacon/Wylie** students will continue to attend on a daily basis as they have been. There is no change at any of these buildings or programs.
- **Creekside** homeroom students will continue on a hybrid A/B day schedule the week of April 19th with an optional in-person learning lab on Wednesdays. The Wednesday virtual option will remain next week. A sign-up for the in-person learning lab will be sent out from the building principal. On April 26th, all homeroom students will return to in-person every day. The reason for the delay is that we can provide 6' spacing in a hybrid setting but can only provide 3' spacing with all of our students in every day. Based on cases we're aware of, professional recommendations, and case trend rates, the additional week will provide us the time needed to move students in-person every day the week of the 26th.
- **Mill Creek** homeroom students will continue on a hybrid A/B day schedule the week of April 19th with an optional in-person learning lab on Wednesdays. A sign-up for the in-person learning lab will be sent out from the building principal. On April 26th, all homeroom students will return to in-person on the planned M/Tu/Th/F plan. The reason for the delay is that we can provide 6' spacing in a hybrid setting but can only provide 3' spacing with all of our students in every day. Based on cases we're aware of, professional recommendations, and case trend rates, the additional week will provide us the time needed to move all students in-person the week of the 26th.
- **Dexter High School** homeroom students will return to in-person on M/Tu/Th/F starting Monday, April 19th. Based on the instructional model and student in-person attendance, we are seeing approximately 40% of the high school students in physical attendance per day which allows us the spacing necessary between seats. DHS students will continue to have the option to be in-person or zoom into classes.

Next Fall: Buildings have been sending registration and course selection information out to students and families. We plan to provide a full, in-person school model for the vast majority of our students in the fall. In addition and consistent with the offerings we've provided to families for many years, we will have a full remote option available. Sign up for a remote option can be made closer to the start of school. Every year, we have many families who work through our virtual options for their students. This year, we know of many students who are thriving in the remote option and may choose to continue in the future. We plan to continue this option for interested families. However, at this time, we want families to know that we will continue to offer this option but to please plan to register and fill out the normal enrollment information sent by buildings to help us plan appropriately.

This summer: Registration information for our Dread Strong K-8 summer program, DHS credit recovery, and Camp Dexter is forthcoming. Please look for a separate communication regarding these program opportunities for kids.

Thank you for your continued commitment to Dexter kids and Go Dreads!

Sincerely,

Christopher Timmis, EdD

Superintendent